

REMARKS

Claims 35-91 remain in this application. Claims 1-34 were canceled previously. Claims 1 and 78 are amended to correct minor errors of a typographical nature. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and review of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

The Examiner has found that the application contains claims directed to several distinct species of invention, and has required restriction of the application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121. Applicants' specific elections are as follows:

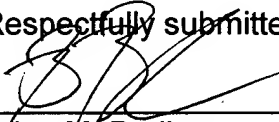
- a) Between Claims 36 and 37, Applicants elect Claim 36;
- b) Between Claims 57 and 58, Applicants elect Claim 57;
- c) Between Claims 77 and 78, Applicants elect Claim 77;
- d) Between Claims 85 and 86, Applicants elect Claim 85.

The foregoing elections are made without traverse. The same elections were given to the Examiner in a telephone discussion on February 23, 2005.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 35-91 are in condition for allowance. To the extent it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

While Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

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